

REMARKS

In response to the office action dated August 10, 2006, claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16-17, 19-20 and 22 are currently pending in the application. The currently pending claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph, enablement requirement. The Declaration of Richard J. Smeyne is submitted to show that the present application is enabled for blood samples. Additionally, the claims were limited to GST pi.

The examiner additionally rejected the claims based on the written description requirement. The claims have been amended to specifically recite the environmental toxin MPTP or a metabolite thereof. Applicants respectfully suggest that the pending claims meet all Section 112 requirements.

Claims 1-3 & 7 stand rejected as being anticipated by O'Dwyer. O'Dwyer does not relate to GST pi. The examiner has indicated that the art teaches that the invention will not work, thus the method claims, cannot be anticipated by the art, if the art teaches it will not work.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and arguments, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims.

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